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MR. PRESIDENT:—"That is not a supplementary question."

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I said then that I did not object to such black-flag demonstration."

SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether the cancellation had anything to do with the black-flag demonstration?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I think the hon. Member must know better; because perhaps he was himself responsible for the black-flag demonstration. (Laughter) I am afraid he is mistaken there, because I said that even then I did not mind the black-flag demonstration."

SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR:— 11-15 a.m.
"I may state that I was in Madras when the Hon. Minister visited the place and that I had no hand in the black-flag demonstration."

MR. PRESIDENT:—"The hon. Member has no right to comment upon the answer."

SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR:—"But that apart, Sir, does not the answer given by the Hon. Minister show that the cancellation was due to the prejudice of the Minister?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"No. I am afraid the hon. Gentleman is wrong in his presumption. I have made it clear that the black-flag demonstration had nothing to do with the cancellation."

Prevention of the import of foreign rice and paddy into South India.

* 26 *Q.*—SRI RAO BAHADUR M. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Government addressed the Government of India regarding the prevention of the import of foreign rice and paddy into Southern India; if so, when and with what result?

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI:—"The answer is in the affirmative. This Government have made several representations to the Government of India, the latest being in July 1939. The final result will be known when the Government of India arrive at a decision in the matter."

SRI T. C. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—"In view of the large number of Indians in Burma in various walks of life, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to furnish information to the House as to how far the prevention of the import of rice from Burma would act and react upon the interests of Indians there?"

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI:—"I must have notice of the question, Sir."